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ABBREVIATIONS & ACRONYMS

AIDS	Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
AWARE	Action for Women and Awakening in Rural Environment
AWDF	African Women Development Fund
BUWOPA	Busia Women Producer's Association
COOREP	Coopersative de Development Redonner Espoir Aux Paysans-Population
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
FFP	Foundation for Female Photojournalists
FIDEVIE	Financement, le Development, l'Environnement et la Vie
FORWARD	Foundation for Women's Health, Research and Development
GRP	Gender Rights Project
GMWA	Ghana Muslim Women's Association
HEAL	HIV Empowered and Living Project
HOMEWAC	Home for Women and Children
IEC	Information Education and Communication
JP/V	Jekesa Ofungwal/Vulinggondo
KWOSP	Kenya Widows and Orphans Support Programme
MANET	Multiview Advocacy Network
NETWIG	Network of Women in Growth
SWAP	Support for Women's Advancement Protection
SWAA	Society for Women and AIDS
UPFN	Pour la Promotion de la Femme Nigerien
VCT	Voluntary Counselling and Testing
WHO	World Health Organization
WAD	World AIDS Day
WOCON	Women Consortium of Nigeria
WOMECA	Women Media and Change
WUAAG	Women United Against AIDS, Ghana
WOFOD	Women's Force for Development
WISE	Women's Initiative for Self-Empowerment
WCC	Women Concern Centre
YWCAA	Young Women Campaign Against AIDS
WOM	Women and Orphans Movement
WIN	Women in Nigeria
WOCON	Women's Consortium of Nigeria
YWL	Young Women Leaders
WOPO	Women's Promotion and Assistance Association

BACKGROUND

About The African Women's Development Fund

The African Women's Development Fund (AWDF) is a grant making foundation, which aims to support the work of the African women's movement. The Fund has been set up by three African Women who have been active in various institutions within and outside Africa, and who have a track record of successful empowerment interventions, which have helped strengthen the African women's movement.

Mission, Vision and Objectives

The vision of the AWDF is for African women to live in a world in which there is social justice, equality and respect for women's human rights.

To this end, our mission is to mobilize financial resources to support local, national and international initiatives led by women, which will lead to the achievement of this vision.

AWDF's objectives are to raise money and to make grants for the support of non-profit making African women's organizations that are working for social justice, equality and peace.

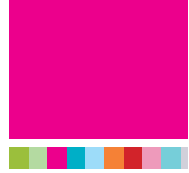
Funding Priorities

AWDF awards grants to African women's organizations working in the following thematic areas:

- ✂ Women's Human Rights
- ✂ Economic Empowerment
- ✂ Political Participation
- ✂ Peace-Building
- ✂ Health and Reproductive Rights
- ✂ HIV/AIDS

These thematic areas have been chosen because they feature very highly on the agenda of the African women's movement. These themes are specific enough to be able to focus on work that is being prioritized by many women's organizations, and they are also flexible enough to enable potentially good projects to qualify for support. AWDF also funds programs, which develop and promote women's leadership across all these themes.

Between 2001 and December 2009, AWDF has supported over 800 women's organizations in 41 African countries with grants amounting to just over US\$15,000,000.00.



WORLD AIDS DAY

World AIDS Day, which is observed on December 1st of every year, was instituted in 1988 by the World Health Organization to continue to raise awareness about the HIV/AIDS, which has killed about 25million people across the world. According to UNAIDS (Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS), of the 33.2 million people globally living with HIV, 22.5million are located in sub-saharan Africa (Source: <http://www.unaids.org/en>). HIV is a virus that attacks and weakens the body's immune system. An estimated 2.6 million people were infected by HIV in 2009 alone. AIDS is what results when the body's immune system has totally collapsed and can no longer fight diseases with which it would normally have coped and defeated. World AIDS Day aims at raising awareness about HIV/AIDS, including tackling the prejudice associated with HIV and improving public knowledge of other efforts to stop the spread of HIV.

Available data indicate that of the 22.5 million people living with HIV/AIDS in Africa in 2009, 12 million were women. According to UNAIDS among young people living with HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa, three in every four are females. As at the end of 2009, the AIDS pandemic has orphaned some 16.6 million African children. The pandemic has worsened the position of women in those parts of Africa where cases are high since women are not only often the most affected but also the ones with the task of taking care of those affected (see also www.avert.org/worldstats.htm).

At AWDF, we instituted the World AIDS Day Programme in 2003 as part of our special projects portfolio to underscore both our commitment to the continued global efforts to combat the aids pandemic and also our concern about the peculiar impacts of that pandemic on women in Africa. The AWDF World AIDS Day Programme supports women's organizations to commemorate World AIDS Day as a means of drawing attention to the plight of women who are living with HIV or who bear the brunts of the devastating effects of HIV infection and deaths caused by AIDS. We particularly focus on small to medium sized organizations that are poorly resourced but working directly with



women in the local communities. The programme also espouses the need for communities to share in the responsibility of mitigating those impacts mentioned earlier. To buttress these efforts at mitigating the impact of HIV&AIDS on women, the AWDF in 2005 further created a dedicated fund, the HIV&AIDS Fund which supports women who work around HIV&AIDS issues at the international, national and local levels. This publication highlights the work of AWDF and its grantees on HIV/AIDS and shares stories on HIV/AIDS projects carried out by grantees to serve as inspirations to others who are working to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS or dealing with any of the numerous after effects of the pandemic.

The HIV & AIDS Fund: Goals and Priority Areas

The HIV&AIDS Fund is meant to complement existing resources available to African women's organizations working on HIV&AIDS issues, and to increase access for those who are currently unable to

carry out effective programs due to a lack of funding. The HIV&AIDS fund has two major goals:

- ✂ The promotion of a culture of awareness, compassion and responsibility around HIV&AIDS issues, particularly where they affect women and girls in Africa
- ✂ The establishment of a firm link between gender inequality and the low status of women and girls, and its implications on the extreme vulnerability of women.

The fund provides grants to women's organizations/projects working in any of the the following areas:

- 1. Issues that enhance the status of women and girls and protect their rights. These include the following:**
 - ✂ Harmonization of national laws and constitutions in line with regional and international commitments and standards to avoid inconsistencies





- ✂ Protecting women's rights to own and inherit property and land
- ✂ Programs to combat harmful traditional practices such as female genital mutilation, widowhood rights, child marriages etc
- ✂ Promoting a culture of non-tolerance to all forms of violence against women
- ✂ Eradication of discrimination and violations of women's human rights through legal and policy reform

2. **Projects that create opportunities for women and girls to make empowering choices**

- ✂ Economic empowerment and skills building programs to lift women out of dire poverty and break the cycle of vulnerability
- ✂ Leadership development programs for women in communities to give them more access to decision-making
- ✂ Capacity building to strengthen women's organizations working on

HIV&AIDS issues in order to make them more visible, better resourced and more effective

3. **Activities that address women's needs and circumstances in prevention, treatment and community care**

- ✂ Advocacy and campaigning for gender sensitive treatment access and health care delivery systems
- ✂ Home based care and all forms of support necessary for persons living with HIV&AIDS, to ensure women's dignity and well-being
- ✂ Access to treatment for women who are victims of sexual violence
- ✂ Literacy programs for women living with HIV&AIDS
- ✂ Support for voluntary testing and counselling
- ✂ Anti-stigma campaigns
- ✂ Targeting young women and young men in tertiary institutions
- ✂ Adoption counselling

The AWDF World AIDS Day Programme

The World AIDS Day Programme awards grants of between US\$500 and US\$1,000 to community organizations each year in different countries to raise HIV&AIDS awareness and to ensure that communities, governments and all stakeholders are focused on achieving

the same outcomes in relation to the alleviation of the impact of HIV/AIDS. Grants are given to women's organizations, especially those working in communities, to host activities for the observation of the World AIDS Day, which falls on the 1st of December.

As at December 2010, AWDF has awarded grants to 93 organizations in 20 countries for the celebration of the World AIDS Day. These include Women's organizations in Congo Brazzaville, Benin Republic, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

The specific objectives of AWDF's World AIDS Day programme are:

- ✘ To key into the coordinated global advocacy against the impact of HIV&AIDS
- ✘ To boost the advocacy work of women working on HIV&AIDS issues
- ✘ To raise the visibility of women working on HIV&AIDS issues
- ✘ To reach out to community women, most of whom hardly benefit from government programmes on HIV&AIDS
- ✘ To hold governments and agencies accountable for work around HIV&AIDS issues

Focus of the World AIDS Day Programme

The World AIDS Day programme of activities is mainly targeted at HIV&AIDS prevention education in its diverse forms including advocacy, awareness raising and education.

Preventive education is currently the only cost effective and sustainable strategy to keep the spread of HIV&AIDS at bay and mitigate the impact of the epidemic. Most of the grants awarded for World AIDS Day therefore go into such activities.

Achievements

- ✘ Since 2003 the AWDF World AIDS Day Programme has:
- ✘ Supported 93 women's organizations in 20 countries with small grants to the tune of US\$72, 500
- ✘ Strengthened local efforts at mitigating the impact of HIV&AIDS
- ✘ Supported activities in the area of awareness creation in diverse forms





including use of edutainment such as drama productions, film shows, singing competitions, and rallies in local communities.

- ✚ Created awareness on Voluntary Counseling and Testing.
- ✚ Created awareness on the consistent and correct use of condoms.
- ✚ Called attention to a community's responsibility around HIV&AIDS issues.
- ✚ Co-opted local leaders' (such as queen mothers, chiefs, and religious leaders) support for the campaign against the HIV&AIDS epidemic.
- ✚ Waged campaigns against stigma and discrimination.

- ✚ Empowered women living with HIV&AIDS through raising their voices.
- ✚ Raised awareness on the plight of orphaned children.
- ✚ Called to mind the need to support the caregivers of those living with HIV&AIDS or affected by HIV&AIDS.
- ✚ Effectively disseminated HIV&AIDS resource materials to aid in creating awareness around certain pertinent issues in the HIV&AIDS response.
- ✚ Strengthened networking and partnership at the community level.

Reports from the World AIDS Day Grants

With a US\$1,000 each the grantee partners undertook a number of activities mostly HIV prevention education, stigma reduction activities, promotion of Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT) among others.

In Togo, AWDF, in partnership with ONG Femme De Demain, strengthened the prevention of mother-to-child transmission activities in the Gulf region, where 76 community leaders including traditional and religious leaders were trained to take leadership on HIV&AIDS issues. This educational drive led to a higher participation in HIV&AIDS voluntary counselling and testing and a better understanding of issues such as stigmatization and discrimination, a major scourge in the HIV pandemic.



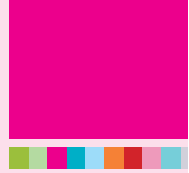
In the communities of Anie and Kolo-Cope in Togo, Association ODJOUGBO sensitized opinion leaders and traditional nurses on the negative effects of excision and the laws that forbid these practices. This brought about a high degree of awareness on the dangers of female genital mutilation and the need for the entire community to stand against it.

In Nigeria, through the World Aids Day programme, Women's Consortium of Nigeria (WOCON) was able to sensitize women and the general public in the Obalende market in Lagos on the linkage between HIV&AIDS issues and the trafficking of women and children in Nigeria. Since most trafficked women and children are used for labour, the market place served as a model community to take the campaign. Market women had the opportunity to ask burning questions in relation to HIV&AIDS, which professional

health educators clarified. The project helped empower women to rise above their status and environment and fight against these two very inimical social cankers.

In the Dambatta community of Nigeria, Foundation for Women's Health, Research and Development (FORWARD – Nigeria) through a sensitization workshop and a film on HIV&AIDS in a local dialect (Hausa), worked on issues of stigma and discrimination in the community. Radio discussions were used to engage a greater population of the community in the fight against HIV&AIDS. Policy makers were sensitized and Community health providers trained to support people living with HIV&AIDS. IEC materials were developed to support the educational drive.

In Uganda, Busia Women Producers Association (BUWOPA), a local advocacy



organization that seeks to advance the welfare and rights of women through enhancing food security, improving household incomes and fighting against diseases, particularly HIV&AIDS, organized advocacy activities including a radio talk show and route march in the Busia District of Uganda to focus on the fight against stigmatizing people living with HIV&AIDS or affected by HIV&AIDS. In the Karamoja region specifically, Action for Women and Awakening in Rural Environment (AWARE – Uganda), undertook HIV&AIDS sensitization using radio talk shows, IEC materials, a route march and a community rally. These activities led to the empowerment of some people living with HIV&AIDS thereby publicly declaring their status and joining in the education of the community. Again a number of people also came forward and asked for support for their HIV status while community members declared their preparedness to support people living with or affected by HIV&AIDS.

In Ghana, Women Media and Change, (WOMEC), deployed the media to intensify

the HIV&AIDS education campaign. It organized a round table discussion involving 18 journalists in both the print and electronic media, as well as health officials, to deliberate on current trends in reporting on HIV&AIDS issues with particular reference to women. The objective was to ensure accurate reporting of HIV/AIDS issues and refrain from stigmatizing women living with HIV. The meeting brought the changing trends in HIV infections to the attention of journalists and also highlighted the challenges facing women living with HIV/AIDS and discussed how the media can support such women as well as participating in other campaigns on HIV/AIDS.

In Ghana, Women United Against AIDS in Ghana (WUAAG), a support group of women living with HIV&AIDS, organized a route march through the principal streets of Madina, a suburb of Accra, Ghana's capital city, to commemorate the 2006 World AIDS Day celebrations. The organization mobilized women living with HIV&AIDS from different support groups in Accra to sensitize the public on HIV/AIDS issues. This project led to increasing numbers of people living with HIV&AIDS approaching the support group for help, and community members supporting people living with HIV&AIDS.

Society for Women and AIDS in Ghana (SWAA- Ghana) took the HIV&AIDS sensitization campaign to the Ajumako Enyan Essiam District in the Central Region



of Ghana. Here the Society mobilized and sensitized women leaders, political leaders and religious leaders to take on leadership roles in the fight against HIV&AIDS in the community. A communiqué was issued requesting government to enforce all laws that uphold the rights and dignity of women such as the law against female genital mutilation and widowhood rights. Religious leaders were tasked to intensify HIV&AIDS education in their churches and mosques, and encourage women to take on leadership positions in churches and mosques. Traditional leaders were also encouraged to ban certain cultural practices that humiliate women and perpetuate women's vulnerability to HIV&AIDS such as wife inheritance, widowhood rites, and expensive funerals among others.

Another community advocacy group in Ghana, Home for Women and Children (HOMEWAC) adopted community rallies and specifically tailored IEC materials, to raise awareness on HIV/AIDS. Women and youths drawn from nine farming communities in the Klo Agogo Yilo Krobo District of the Eastern Region participated in the programme whose focus was on HIV/AIDS prevention.

In Burkina Faso, the Association des Femmes pour le Developpement Teg Wende, promoted voluntary counselling and testing (VCT) through awareness creation and financially supported 50 women to undertake VCT in communities on the outskirts of Ouagadougou.



In Benin Republic, Action pour le Financement, le Developpement, l'Environnement et la Vie (ONG FIDEVIE), took the HIV&AIDS awareness creation campaign to female prison inmates (a segment of society usually forgotten in most social educational drives) in Cotonou. It distributed condoms and IEC materials to prisoners for sustained education.

In the Sudan, Zenab for Women in Development, which advocates for the rights of women in the Sudan, set up a booth for three days near a busy shopping mall in Elgedarif State of Sudan, a state with a very high HIV&AIDS prevalence rate, to educate the populace through one-on-one counseling, distribution of IEC materials and condom utilization demonstration sessions.

In Kenya, the Kenya Widows and Orphans Support Programme, (KWOSP), intensified HIV education in the slum areas



of Kariobangi, Mathare, Mlango Kubwa, Pangani in Nairobi and in the Nyanza provinces using a street march backed by brass band music and IEC materials such as “T’ Shirts and flyers. The correct use of both the female and male condoms was taught, and one-on-one counselling was undertaken to ensure proper understanding and behavioural change.

Young Women Campaign Against AIDS (YWCAA) is another Kenya-based organisation that also used the World AIDS day activities to intensify its programming, by promoting HIV/AIDS awareness education amongst bar waitresses in Mukuru slums in Kenya and advocating for better working conditions for these women. The education awareness campaign was also aimed at reducing the high incidence of violence especially sexual violence against bar waitresses.

Busia AIDS Support Organization (BWASO) used the World Aids Day grant to promote

diverse HIV preventative behaviours such as the consistent and correct use of condoms, the need for people to get to know their HIV status and the need to show love and compassion to people living with HIV/AIDS. BWASO used drama presentations and singing to bring the message home closer to communities. Murera AIDS prevention and Support Group held a candle light in memory of people who have died of HIV/AIDS and as a way of showing support to those affected by HIV/AIDS. The occasion was used to remind people and communities especially duty bearers of their responsibilities to ensuring that the spread and impact of HIV/AIDS is curbed. It was also an occasion to remind communities of the realities of HIV/AIDS and for everybody to make HIV/AIDS prevention their business.



WAY FORWARD

The AWDF World AIDS Day Programme in future intends to:

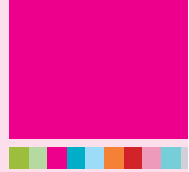
- ✂ Strengthen the coordination of the HIV&AIDS activities of beneficiaries within countries
- ✂ Scale up the amount of awards to ensure more intensified and followed-up activities
- ✂ Ensure that beneficiaries align their activities to their countries strategic plans
- ✂ Provide materials and tools for the yearly campaign in line with the international and various country themes
- ✂ Provide grantees with the requisite knowledge for effective one time campaigning
- ✂ Support more grantees to take part in the World AIDS Day campaign

- ✂ Provide grantees with World AIDS Day grant as part of their main grant activities

AWDF HIV/AIDS fund donor partners

The AWDF HIV/AIDS Fund has collaborated with a number of donor partners including Private and Public Foundations, Bilateral and Multilateral Organizations since its inception in 2005. With the kind support of these partners, the HIV/AIDS fund has as at the end of 2010 awarded grants amounting to \$3,072,300 to 153 Organizations in 24 African Countries. The supporting donors include:

- ✂ Nelson Mandela Foundation – 46664 Campaign (South Africa)
- ✂ HIVOS (The Netherlands)
- ✂ Stephen Lewis Foundation (Canada)
- ✂ Sigrid Rausing Trust (UK)
- ✂ The Global Fund for Women



- ✚ UNAIDS
- ✚ Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- ✚ Danish International Development Agency (DANIDA)
- ✚ Joint United Nations Program on HIV&AIDS (UNAIDS)
- ✚ Comic Relief (UK)
- ✚ Open society Initiative for South Africa (OSISA)
- ✚ MDG3 Fund

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

In Memory of Our Beloved Sisters

Murera AIDS prevention and Support Group in Kenya organized a candle light memorial with support from AWDF in May 2007 to commemorate the lives of the thousands of African women who have died as a result of HIV&AIDS and to show

solidarity with those who are fighting all the odds to live positively with the disease. The event was also an opportunity to create community dialogues on the prevention, care and treatment of HIV&AIDS.

HIV&AIDS continues to take a heavy toll on African women. It is estimated that since 1981 twenty million people have died of HIV&AIDS related causes and in 2008 alone HIV&AIDS claimed the lives of an estimated 2 million people.

Murera AIDS prevention and Support Group, also used the candle light memorial as a platform to influence local and national policies on issues that affect women's reproductive rights, economic rights and traditional practices that impinge on the personhood of women. It also served as a conduit for partnering with other organizations working on HIV&AIDS issues to strengthen the response to the disease.

Women United Against HIV&AIDS in Ghana Overcomes Societal and Self-Stigma

With the funding support from AWDF, WUAAG during the 2006 World AIDS Day celebrations organized a route march for women living with HIV&AIDS. The route march, in which about 50 women living with HIV&AIDS participated went through the principal streets of their community amidst music, singing and dancing. The women braved the possibility of being stigmatised to educate the community on the modes of transmission and prevention

of HIV&AIDS. They advocated against stigmatising people living with HIV&AIDS and encouraged people to rather show love and compassion to them. They distributed condoms and educational materials to community members.

The campaign also helped members of the association who have not been able to go public with their status and those who were experiencing self-stigma to overcome their fears.

WUAAG is the first women's only HIV&AIDS support group in Ghana. WUAAG was founded in 2002 by a woman living with HIV&AIDS to provide psychosocial and economic support to women living with or affected by HIV&AIDS. It presently has a facility for counselling, treatment, support and various economic activities for its 74 members. Even though WUAAG is a community organization, it has been at the forefront of raising the voices of women and promoting the leadership of women living with HIV&AIDS in the programming and implementation of HIV&AIDS activities and policies.

Widows and Orphans Speak Out

It is not uncommon for widows and orphans to be or feel neglected and even sometimes molested after their losses. Kenya Widows and Orphans Support (KWOSP) a community support group for widows and orphans, participated in the national World AIDS Day commemoration by drawing attention to the plight of such people through a street procession and

the setting up of an information booth at the venue of the national celebrations. Some of the members also held activities to commemorate the World AIDS Day celebrations at some district capitals where they used poems and songs to share their stories and works with the various communities.

Without the support of AWDF, the voices, wisdom, skills and expertise of a number of community organizations such as Kenya Widows and Orphans Support will be missing in the development, design and implementation of most projects and programmes that seek to mitigate the impact of HIV&AIDS.

Anti-Stigma Campaign

In Nigeria, the Foundation for Women's Health, Research and Development (FORWARD), developed a programme of community mobilisation for the 2006 World AIDS Day celebration with the funding support of AWDF. The focus was to challenge stigmatisation and discrimination against people living with or affected by HIV&AIDS.





FORWARD-Nigeria was formed in 1997 with a commitment to work towards the improvement of the health standards of women and children in the States of Kano and Jigawa of Nigeria. In its World Aids Day programme, FORWARD mobilized a range of people and tradesmen/women including the youths, traditional birth attendants, barbers, health workers and community leaders to go on a procession with stops at some key institutions and venues such as the General Hospital and the chief's palace. On the way anti-stigma songs were sung and IEC materials distributed to the general public. This was followed by a one-day seminar on subjects relating to combating HIV&AIDS stigma and discrimination. Among those who attended the seminar were community animators, who were expected to carry on with the anti-stigma campaign in their different communities.

Traditional Leaders Take the Lead in the HIV&AIDS Response

The role of traditional and other community leaders in the mitigation of the spread and impact of HIV&AIDS cannot be over emphasised. Being the custodians of custom and commanding high respect within their communities, traditional and opinion leaders are critical players in getting communities to get involved in the HIV&AIDS response.

Floraïson, in Lomé, Togo, with the support of the AWDF World AIDS Day programme, mobilized queen mothers to support the fight against HIV&AIDS. 54 queen mothers and their ladies-in-waiting from the Kloti Queen Mothers at Kpalime attended an HIV&AIDS seminar on the modes of transmission and prevention of HIV&AIDS. This was to deepen their knowledge on the issue to effectively equip them to play the needed critical role to spread correct

information on the HIV&AIDS epidemic as a means of curbing all the myths surrounding HIV&AIDS especially deep down in rural communities.

As a means of sustaining their interest in the HIV&AIDS education, Floraison dedicated the last part of the day to teaching the queen mothers how to prepare a local salicylate balm. It is hoped that these skills will be passed on to the youth in the community especially the women and girls to ensure a regular flow of income that can help reduce their susceptibility to the HIV&AIDS virus. All this was made possible with the support of the AWDF World AIDS Day Programme in 2003.

Tackling HIV&AIDS at the community level

Most people living in rural communities, especially women, are usually left out of by government programmes and projects because of their remote location.

It is for this reason that Busia Women and AIDS Support Organization (BWASO)

received support from the AWDF World AIDS Day programme to reach out to women in some remote townships in the 6 divisions of the Busia District with HIV&AIDS information during the 2004 World AIDS Day celebrations. BWASO gathered at least 50 people, mostly women, in each community and equipped them with requisite information on HIV&AIDS from modes of transmission to prevention methods to signs and symptoms of the disease, and the need for voluntary counselling and testing as well as dispelling some of the myths surrounding the disease. The gatherings were also used to distribute community appropriate IEC materials and to call on government agents to cover all sectors of the community with its HIV&AIDS response. The methods used during these educational series were mostly role-plays, personal testimonies, discussions, singing and dancing.

This small grant from the AWDF World AIDS Day Programme helped to bring critical information to communities that



Queen Mothers and HIV Prevention



Community Leaders trained by Busia Women AIDS Support Organisation

probably would not have had of such deep insight into HIV&AIDS issues.

Defying the Odds

With the peace agreement signed in 2004, a number of refugees returned to the Sudan to start a new life. Most of these returnees came from countries with a considerable high prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS. It became necessary therefore to begin to stem the tide of escalation of HIV rates in the Sudan.

During the celebrations of the 2006 World Aids day programme, Zenab for Women in Development supported by the AWDF staged a huge HIV/AIDS educational drive in the centre of town where they built a tent for three days, raised posters and undertook personal HIV education among the populace, focusing on women and the youth. Zenab for Women in Development collaborated with the Department of Health, the National AIDS Programme among other stakeholders to



Dancing in anticipation of the victory over HIV/AIDS

organize this campaign. This educational drive was aimed at enlightening people about condom use, a very sensitive topic in a conservative community, treatment and support avenues among others. It also focused on the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS and the need to create the right environment for people living with HIV/AIDS. The 2006 World AIDS day educational campaign prompted people including the youth and the elderly to take interest in HIV issues, seeking information on voluntary counselling and testing and prevention methods and resolving to help fight the HIV epidemic.

Advocating Against Detrimental Cultural Practices

HIV Empowered and Living Project (Heal Project), seeks to advance the cause and well being of women living with HIV and has been advocating against some cultural practices that militate against women and make women susceptible to HIV/AIDS since its foundation. In 2004, during the World AIDS Day celebration,



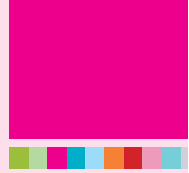
Heal Project organised, with funding from AWDF, a march against cultural practices that demean women and which make them vulnerable to HIV/AIDS.

The march which was in partnership with District AIDS task force, was routed through some principal streets of Lusaka city. Heal project followed the route march with an educational forum that educated people about the negative effects of some cultural practices that impinge on women's rights and predispose them to HIV/AIDS. This is in a bid to get as many people as possible to recognize the debilitating effects of HIV on the populace especially women. Participants were encouraged to lead the fight against cultural practices such as marital cleansing and inheritance of widows that fuel the HIV/AIDS pandemic in their communities.

All Hands on Deck for the Fight Against HIV/AIDS

Action for Women and Awakening in rural Environment (AWARE – Uganda) during the 2006 World Aids day celebrations developed a project to increase awareness on HIV/AIDS, stigma and discrimination among the Karamojong Society. The Karamojong are an ethnic group of agro-pastoral herders living mainly in the north-east of Uganda. Although it is a deprived community with a generally low HIV prevalent rate, it was felt that it was necessary to start putting in place preventive strategy to ensure that HIV does not spread in the community.

The project which was supported by AWDF sought to educate the community on HIV prevention methods and to provide counselling for women living with HIV/AIDS or affected by HIV/AIDS. Using radio talk shows and community



Heal Project, a critical space for reflection and rejuvenation by women and children living with HIV/AIDS

education sessions, the project created the opportunity for people living with HIV to come out and access support for the management of the disease. The project also helped in the management of stigma as community members became more receptive to people living with HIV.

Some strategies adopted for the community education included edutainment in the form of drama, poetry, drumming and singing. A route march was also organized involving women living with HIV and local government officials. This was widely accepted in the community, as a sizeable number of community members joined in the HIV/AIDS awareness creation march.

Knowledge is Power

In Togo, Cooperative de Developpement Redonner Espoir aux Paysans - Populations, a community based

organization, sought to tailor its work to address the urban-rural imbalance in knowledge circulation about HIV/AIDS with the support of AWDF.

In its World AIDS Day programme for 2005, the organisation targeted rural young girls and women with an HIV awareness workshop and public education. The workshop which was funded by AWDF covered topics such as symptoms of HIV&AIDS, its modes of transmission and prevention methodologies. Information sharing and caring for sufferers were also discussed. The workshop also addressed 'life choices' and how to achieve healthy living in rural settings. The workshop was attended by 30 young girls and 30 women. A key objective was to use the workshop programme to build the skills of the participants who are all from rural backgrounds and for them to become ambassadors in their communities helping to mitigate the spread of HIV&AIDS and advocating for better lives for women and girls.

The Togo example is an interesting model because in Africa, the knowledge divide between rural and urban communities is, with few exceptions, profound. This divide is sometimes reflected in people's attitudes to the possible spread of HIV/AIDS. Several factors contribute to the spread of HIV especially in rural areas. Among these the low-level of literacy and poverty rank highest and are usually compounded by the absence of public health system with any meaningful public health education component.



Live and Let Live

“Live and Let Live” the slogan for the 2003 World AIDS day celebrations focused on the elimination of stigma and discrimination. Stigma and discrimination are major barriers to effective HIV/AIDS prevention and care. Fear of being discriminated against hinder people from accessing treatment or even getting to know their status which is a critical step to prevention or getting support.

Joining other activists and personnel working on HIV/ AIDS, Society for Women and AIDS in Africa, Nigeria with support from the AWDF organized seminars targeting people living with HIV/ AIDS, Health Workers and other critical stakeholders such as market women, faith based organizations and local government agencies to help stem the tide of stigmatisation and discrimination and to help people living with HIV/AIDS to live positively and to live in dignity.

SWAAN organized 3 seminars in Lagos, Osun and Edo states to create an interactive forum for women living with HIV to share their experiences of stigmatisation and discrimination. The seminar discussed how to deal with the negative views associated with HIV/ AIDS suffering with a view to ensuring that the dignity of those living with HIV/ AIDS is not compromised. These seminars were complemented with HIV/AIDS awareness public education within the local communities. To aid the community awareness education, T-shirts with HIV messages and other materials such as leaflets were distributed.

The key themes that emerged from the public education outreach were:

- ✶ Need for regular dissemination of clear and correct information about HIV/ AIDS to increase public understanding and dispel myths around the pandemic. Such public education will



Women at the forefront of HIV/AIDS education at the market place



SWAAN takes HIV/AIDS education to the people at the market place.

also help to build the confidence and well-being of those suffering from infection.

- ⌘ That the government should show political will and demonstrable practical commitment towards public health provision generally and the fight against HIV/AIDS specifically by making funds available at levels set by WHO.
- ⌘ The judiciary has a role to play in the protection of the fundamental rights of people living with HIV/AIDS.
- ⌘ HIV education is integrated into the school curriculum at both primary and secondary school levels.

Taking HIV Education to Farming Communities

Rural communities do not usually benefit from educational interventions as a result of their locations and topography. For this reason Home for Women and

Children Foundation (HOMEC) with support from AWDF decided to focus their HIV/AIDS education activities on residents of 9 farming communities in Klo Agogo Yilo Krobo in the Eastern region of Ghana during the 2005 World AIDS Day Celebrations.

To be able to sustain interest and the information provided on HIV/AIDS issues among target populations, HOMEC adopted multiple strategies for the celebration of the 2005 World AIDS Day. HOMEC trained 20 community leaders from the 9 communities on in-depth information about HIV/AIDS issues, dwelling on modes of transmission, prevention methods and management of the disease. These leaders were expected to ensure that issues of HIV were at the forefront of community conversations and activities at all times. In addition a rally was held bringing the community members to a central point where educational materials such as posters,



Targeting the youth for HIV prevention; community members on a procession through the principal streets of the community.

T-shirts and leaflets were distributed and an interactive HIV education session took place. A route march through some of the communities preceded the rally which was attended by community leaders as well as health officials to heighten awareness on HIV issues.

LIST OF GRANTEES (2003 TO 2010)

COUNTRY: BENIN

Organization: Association Vive le Paysan Nouveau was formed in 1993 to ensure effective utilisation of natural resources, food security and women's economic empowerment.

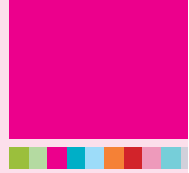
Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 to organize a HIV&AIDS awareness creation march for women's groups and students.

Organization: ONG GRAD –FB: Groupe de Recherche et d'Action pour le Development. (ONG GRAD-FB) was formed to respond to the subject of violence against women particularly with regards to forced marriages.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to create awareness on HIV&AIDS using one-on-one methodologies and behaviour change communication such as drama.

Organization: Association Femme et Vie (AFV) was set up in 1995 to improve the living standards of women and to promote human rights, democracy and good governance.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 to organize a conference on HIV&AIDS.



Organization: Action pour le Financement, le Développement, l'Environnement et la Vie (ONG FIDEVIE), a national organization which aims to empower women financially and as well as address the challenges of discrimination against women.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to create HIV&AIDS awareness among female prison inmates in Cotonou.

Organization: Women in Law and Development in Africa (WILDAF Benin) mainly seeks to advocate for equal opportunities for women and men with regard to the implementation of laws.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$700 to carry out HIV&AIDS awareness campaign.

Organization: Centre fr Recherches et d'Actions pour la Promotion du Leadership Feminin-ONG Fondation Jeunesse Uni was formed in 2001 to empower people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS through capacity building to participate effectively in the HIV/AIDS response in their community.

Grant Awarded: US\$1000 to train 10 peer educators and to promote Voluntary counselling and testing.

COUNTRY: BURKINA FASO

Organization: Association des Femmes pour le Developpement Teg Wende was formed in 1996 and seeks to mobilize and support deprived women and girls to improve on their living standards.

Grant(s) Awarded: US\$1000 to promote voluntary HIV screening within the community.

Organization: SAIL - Uganda (Spread AIDS Awareness Information & Learning in Uganda) was started in 2005 to promote and protect sexual and reproductive health rights of People Living with HIV/AIDS

Grant(s) Awarded: US\$1000 to stage short plays, music, poems, choreographed dances, puppetry and life testimonies on HIV/AIDS and undertake a VCT campaign

Organization: Alive with Purpose (Kamuda) was started in 2006 with the aim of encouraging young girls to make



informed decisions in relation to staying in school, not to marry early and to take responsibility for their sexuality to avoid HIV&AIDS

Grant Awarded: US\$1000 to purchase instruments and costumes and to stage drama and music performances in 4 parishes of Kamuda Sub County in Uganda

COUNTRY: CAMEROON

Organization: Women's Promotion and Assistance Association (WOPO), is a local organization formed in 1996 to support women and children in the areas of good health, peace and security.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$ 500 for a workshop on HIV&AIDS

Organization: Association de lutte contre les Violences contre les Femmes (ALVF) is a national organization formed in 1991 to fight against patriarchal values,

and to promote an equitable social status for women.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 to launch a campaign to fight against HIV&AIDS.

COUNTRY: DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Organization: Protection Enfants Sida (PES) is a national organization formed in 2001 to protect children, especially teenagers, against AIDS, and to promote girls' education.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 to organize a workshop and drama on HIV&AIDS.

Organization: Femme dans le Monde social was set up in 2002 to facilitate women's empowerment in DRC through fighting against HIV& AIDS, illiteracy among women and the promotion of women's economic empowerment.



Grant(s) Awarded: \$960 to create HIV&AIDS awareness among women and to encourage them to take precautions against HIV&AIDS.

COUNTRY: GHANA

Organization: Nana Yaa Memorial Trust was formed in 1998 to contribute to the reduction of the high maternal mortality death ratio in Ghana.

Grant(s) Awarded:

1. US\$1000 for awareness campaign on HIV&AIDS.
2. US\$1000 to print handbooks on HIV&AIDS and prevention of mother-to-child transmission in two Ghanaian languages.
3. US\$1000 to print HIV booklets that will be distributed among school children and women

Organization: Dzinpa & Adom Palm Oil Processing Group was formed in July 2004 to mobilize women in that community to enhance their income-generating activities.

Grant(s) Awarded: US\$500 for HIV&AIDS education programs - a seminar and film show.

Organization: Women United Against Aids in Ghana (WUAAG)

Women United Against AIDS in Ghana (WUAAG) is a non-governmental organization formed by women infected and affected by HIV&AIDS.

Grant(s) Awarded:

1. US\$1000 to create awareness on HIV&AIDS and gender-based violence among long distance drivers.
2. US\$1000 in 2006 to organize a route march throughout the principal streets of

Madina, Accra to commemorate the World AIDS Day celebrations.

3. US\$1000 to organise a quiz competition for children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS

Organization: Lihop Organization

Lihop, an association of people infected and affected by HIV & AIDS, was formed in 2003 to support women and children living with HIV/AIDS

Grant (s) Awarded: US\$1000 to organize a space for reflection and provide nutritional education for women living with HIV/AIDS

Organization: Strength for All

Association, a women's support group of women living with HIV&AIDS, was founded in 2006 by a women living with HIV&AIDS to empower women living with HIV&AIDS to live positively to enhance their health and to create income earning opportunities for its members

Grant Awarded: US\$1000 to organize a seminar that will educate participants on the importance of upholding the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS

Organization: Women's Force for Development (WOFOD)

was formed to support women living with HIV&AIDS and advocate for the rights of women living with HIV&AIDS as well as care for children orphaned by AIDS.

Grant(s) Awarded: US\$500 to organise a seminar on women and AIDS and to put up a radio programme.

Organization: Women Media and Change (WOMEC),

was formed to promote the effective use of media by women for their personal and collective advancement..

Grant(s) Awarded: US\$1000 to organize a one-day round table discussion with health workers and journalists to deliberate on current trends in the reportage of HIV&AIDS issues with particular reference to women.

Organization: Ative Women's Vocational Centre,

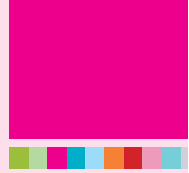
was started in October 1998, to provide skills training for trokosies (slave girls) who were liberated from bondage in some communities in the Ketu district in the Volta region of Ghana.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 to organise an HIV&AIDS awareness drama on the effects of HIV&AIDS.

Organization: SWAA- GHANA

was established in 1990 to advocate on behalf of women, children and families affected by HIV&AIDS and mobilize communities to prevent and mitigate the impact of the epidemic.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to organise a day's seminar on HIV&AIDS for women, political leaders and religious leaders.



Organization: Home for Women and Children (HOMEWAC) was formed to empower women and children to liberate themselves from poverty, exploitation and exclusion.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to organise HIV&AIDS awareness programme for women and youth drawn from nine communities.

Organization: Foundation for Female Photojournalists (FFP) started working in 1998 as an initiative to create opportunities for female photojournalists and visual artists to help enhance the status of women using visual communication.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to compose a song on violence against women to be aired on several radio stations

Organization: Women's Initiative for Self-Empowerment (WISE) is a national organization founded in 1999 to help fight violence against women and children.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 for the advertisement of an essay competition on the connection between the impact of HIV&AIDS and sexual assault and the production of a booklet on the findings from this competition.

Organization: Ghana Society for the Physically Disabled Women's Wing's mission works to promote the empowerment of women with physical disabilities and ensure their full participation in all issues affecting their lives.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 for a seminar on HIV&AIDS for disabled women.

Organization: Ghana Muslim Women's Association seeks to support women within the Ghana Muslim Mission with education on their civic rights and responsibilities.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 to organise a workshop on HIV&AIDS.

Organization: Okaishie Single Parents Traders Foundation is a grouping of single parents, mainly mothers, involved in small-scale businesses.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 to organize a seminar on HIV&AIDS and the use of the female condom.

Organization: Network of Women in Growth (NETWIG), Ghana, a national organization, was formed in 2002 to create an enabling environment for women's development.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to organize a route march, radio talk show, drama on HIV&AIDS, violence against women and how to combat them.

COUNTRY: KENYA

Organization: Busia Women's AIDS Support Organization (BWSO) was formed to create awareness on HIV&AIDS issues, provide counselling, care and support for people living with HIV&AIDS.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to organize a forum on HIV&AIDS in six communities in the Busia District.

Organization: Women Concern Centre (WCC) works with grassroots women to improve their status in society.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 to produce IEC materials on HIV&AIDS.

Organization: Young Women Campaign Against AIDS (YWCAA) began as a micro-credit group to support women economically with a focus on HIV&AIDS.

Grant(s) Awarded:

1. \$1000 to organise a seminar on HIV&AIDS for waitresses in Mukuru slums in Kenya.
2. \$500 for a seminar and a radio talk show on HIV&AIDS.

Organization: Murera Aids Prevention and Support Group was founded in March 2002 to support and empower women living with HIV&AIDS.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 for a candle light memorial

Organization: Kenya Widows and Orphans Support Programme (KWOSP) was formed in 2001 by a group of widows to empower, care and support widows and children affected by HIV&AIDS.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to undertake HIV&AIDS sensitisation programmes including the printing of branded "T" shirts, and the organization of a procession through some communities.

COUNTRY: MALAWI

Organization: Society for Women Against Aids in Africa (SWAA Malawi) was established in 1993 to mitigate the impact of HIV&AIDS in Malawi.

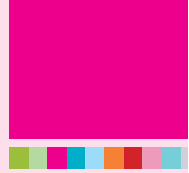
Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 for a television panel discussion on HIV&AIDS

Organization: Support for Women's Advancement Protection (SWAP), is a national organization formed in 2002 to support the empowerment and protection of women and girls in Malawi.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 for a day's seminar on gender based violence and HIV. Part was also used for the production of leaflets and red ribbons.

COUNTRY: MALI

Organization: Association pour le progres et la Defence des Droits des femmes (APDF), a national organization,



was set up in 1991 to promote women's rights, and to mobilize and empower women to get involved in the development process.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to stage an HIV&AIDS awareness campaign in the border town of Kati.

COUNTRY: NIGER

Organization: Union pour la Promotion de la femme Nigerien (UPFN) was formed in 1992 to support women in both rural and urban areas fight against all kinds of discrimination against women and children.

Grant(s) Awarded: US\$ 1,000 To organise public forum and a documentary on HIV&AIDS and migration.

COUNTRY: NIGERIA

Organization: The International Centre for Reproductive Health and Sexual Rights (INCRESE) is an international organization formed in December 2000 to undertake international advocacy on sexual rights issues for women, adolescents, sexual minorities and disabled women.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 for HIV&AIDS campaign in three communities.

Organization: Women in Nigeria, (WIN), was formed in 1982 to promote gender equity and social justice.

Grant(s) Awarded: To organise radio programmes on HIV&AIDS in Hausa language.

Organization: Gender Rights Projects (GRP) was founded in 2000 to support women and to handle cases of gender violence.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$700 to organise a seminar on HIV&AIDS for female football captains and stage drama on violence against women.

Organization: Women's Consortium of Nigeria (WOCON), a national consortium, was formed to monitor the implementation and enforcement of laws regarding the rights of women.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to hold a sensitisation campaign on HIV&AIDS to highlight the linkage between HIV&AIDS and trafficking of women and children in Nigeria.

Organization: Foundation for Women's Health, Research and Development (FORWARD – Nigeria) was formed to improve the health and socio-economic status of women who have suffered from morbidities resulting from pregnancy and childbirth, as well as to prevent harmful traditional practices retarding women's development.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to organise a day's rally, run a sensitization workshop and show a film on HIV&AIDS, stigma and discrimination in a local language (Hausa).

Organization: Multiview Advocacy Network (MANET) seeks to empower vulnerable women and community organizations to raise awareness against the HIV epidemic.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 for a campaign on awareness creation by women living with HIV&AIDS.

Organization: Foundation for Women's Health, Research and Development (FORWARD-Nigeria) was formed in 1997 to help improve the health standards of women and children in the States of Kano and Jigawa of Nigeria.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 for community workshops on HIV&AIDS and sexual reproductive health.

Organization: Young Women Leaders was formed to enlighten young girls on their reproductive health rights.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 for a seminar and radio talk show on HIV&AIDS.

Organization: Development In Action seeks to develop the capacity of young people especially girls and women to live as healthy, well-informed and self-reliant individuals.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 for two rallies and drama on HIV&AIDS

COUNTRY: REPUBLIC OF CONGO

Organization: Forum d' Initiatives pour la femme Africaine was formed to defend women's rights in general and specifically to work on violence against women, social injustice and Women's Political Participation.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$700 to organise a workshop and a radio and TV programme on HIV&AIDS and women.

Organization: AZUR Development, a local organization was formed in 2002 to contribute towards the socio-economic and cultural development of Congo.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to produce a documentary on HIV&AIDS and violence against women.

COUNTRY: SUDAN

Organization: Zenab for Women in Development was formed to help change the lives of other women in the region.

Grant(s) Awarded:

1. \$1000 to organise a seminar on HIV&AIDS and its impact on women's economic and social status.
2. \$1000 to organize a seminar on the transmission, prevention and impact of HIV&AIDS.

COUNTRY: SWAZILAND

Organization: Women's Resource Centre or Umtapo Wa Bamake

was registered in 1992 to fight for the emancipation of women in Swaziland.

Grant (s) Awarded: \$1000 to encourage the participation of women in the World AIDS Day activities and to raise awareness on women's sexual rights and HIV&AIDS.

COUNTRY: TANZANIA

Organization: Women and Orphans Movement (WOM)

was formed to promote the social and economic wellbeing of marginalized household families, especially widows.

Grant (s) Awarded: \$500 to organise an awareness seminar on HIV&AIDS.

Organization: Maranatha Community Group for Rural Development

was started in 1998 to create HIV&AIDS awareness within their communities.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 to create HIV&AIDS awareness within the community.

Organization: MBWENI Women Group, a local organization formed in 2003 to help improve the educational standard of girls and women, especially in the area of information technology.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$700 to organise an awareness-raising seminar on HIV&AIDS for young girls.

COUNTRY: TOGO

Organization: Cooperative de Developpment Redonner Espoir aux Paysans-Population (COOREP)

was founded to promote the financial autonomy of women in the Anie District in Togo.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 to create awareness on HIV&AIDS.

Organization: Association des Femmes Africaines Pour la Recherche et le Developpement (AFARD Togo)

was formed to promote sustainable development for women and to develop strategies which will enable them to have access to the decision-making process.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 to create HIV&AIDS Awareness among girls and women.

Organization: ONG Femme De Demain

is a local organization formed in 1998 to enhance the status of women by improving their living conditions and promoting their rights.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to support the printing of bandanas, posters & "T" shirts and undertake HIV&AIDS awareness campaign especially in the areas of mother-to-child transmission.

Organization: Association ODJOUGBO, a national organization, was formed in 1996 to ensure women and girls' development through the promotion of

literacy.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to organise a one-day workshop to educate traditional nurses in Anie on the negative effects of excision.

Organization: Action et Initiative pour la Promotion et le Developpement is a local organization formed in 2002 to address the difficulties facing women in the communities among sex workers in Atakpame on the consequences of HIV & AIDS and to promote women's empowerment.

Award(s) Granted: \$1000 to sensitise young girls, especially sex workers, on risky behaviours that can facilitate the transmission of HIV&AIDS. It will also support the printing of HIV&AIDS branded 'T' shirts.

Organization: FLORISON is a local organization set up in 1997 to work on issues of women's reproductive health and rights, education and income-generating activities.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 for educating queen mothers on HIV&AIDS issues.

Organization: La Colombe is a national organization set up to help address the high rate of illiteracy among women and young girls as well as on violence against women.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$500 for an

awareness campaign and radio programmes in 10 villages.

COUNTRY: UGANDA

Organization: Disabled Women's Network and Resource Organization in Uganda (DWNRO) was formed in 1995 by women with different disabilities to address the needs of women and girl-children with disabilities.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to involve women with disabilities in World AIDS Day activities and to increase their awareness on HIV&AIDS issues.

Organization: Association of Women Lawyers – FIDA (Uganda) was established in 1974 to serve all women on legal and policy matters.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to sensitise social and medical counsellors on HIV&AIDS.

Organization: Kaabong Women's Group (KWGO) was founded in 1989 to promote women's active involvement in the development of their communities and promote women's rights.

Awarded: \$1000 to organise a march, drama, and folk songs on HIV&AIDS.

Organization: Busia Women Producers Association (BUWOPA) is a local advocacy organization that seeks to advance the welfare and rights of women through enhancing food security, fighting against



poverty, unemployment, low household incomes, illiteracy and diseases particularly HIV&AIDS.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to organise an HIV&AIDS awareness and advocacy radio talk show and a route march.

Organization: Lesgay Association is a local association formed in 2001 with the main goal of advocating for the rights of female sexual minorities, socio-economic improvement of sexually marginalized females and HIV&AIDS interventions for the wider community with focus on the female mono-sexual.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to support the construction and display of a billboard with anti HIV&AIDS messages and photos on a busy highway in Uganda.

Organization: Buwaate Single Mothers Group is a local group formed in 2001 with the main goal of facilitating women's access to skills and economic opportunities.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to organise a one-day seminar for women's groups, religious and opinion leaders and for printing "T"-shirts and IEC materials bearing different messages on HIV&AIDS.

Organization: Action for Women and Awakening in Rural Environment (AWARE – Uganda) was formed to address the low status accorded women especially in Karamoja as manifested in the

unequal access to land and control over productive resources and benefit.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to organise a HIV&AIDS march and a radio program for people infected and affected by HIV.

Organization: Bupedda Women with Disabilities Development Association was formed in 1998 to advocate for the rights of women with disabilities in rural areas.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to conduct a radio programme in two local languages on HIV&AIDS and mobilize women with disabilities to for a rally.

COUNTRY: ZAMBIA

Organization: HIV empowered and Living Project (Heal) is a local organization formed in 1999 to empower women living with HIV&AIDS and to mobilize support for mitigating the impact of HIV&AIDS.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to organize a seminar on the negative effects of Zambian culture on women.

COUNTRY: ZIMBABWE

Organization: Jekesa Pfungwal / Vulingondo (JP/V) meaning "Open your Mind" was formed to work with disadvantaged women in Zimbabwe.

Grant(s) Awarded: \$1000 to print "T" Shirts and other materials for an HIV&AIDS rally.





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